

ORAL ARGUMENT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

No. 24-1113 (and consolidated cases)

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE D.C. CIRCUIT**

TIKTOK INC. AND BYTEDANCE LTD.,
Petitioners,

v.

MERRICK B. GARLAND, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the
United States,
Respondent.

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On Petitions for Review of Constitutionality of
the Protecting Americans from Foreign
Adversary Controlled Applications Act

**NOTICE OF INTENT OF FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY
OFFICIALS TO FILE AN AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF
RESPONDENT**

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AMICUS BRIEF

Pursuant to Fed. R. App. 29(a), D.C. Circuit Rule 29(b), former national security officials represent that they intend to participate in this case as amici curiae. Amici are identified in Appendix A.

Amici have served at the highest levels of government, in national security, intelligence, and foreign policy roles. They have served under different administrations, for leaders of different political parties, during different global conflicts, and have different foreign policy concerns. Despite their differences, amici have all served with a common goal and purpose: securing this Nation and protecting it from foreign threats. TikTok presents one such critical foreign threat. As former government officials and as national security experts, amici have a strong interest in ensuring that the Court understands and appreciates the national security interests at stake in this litigation.

Amici are filing this brief to address the national security concerns surrounding TikTok, ByteDance, and those entities' ties to a foreign adversary—the Chinese Communist Party. Petitioners in each of the consolidated cases and Respondent have consented to the filing of this brief.

This notice is timely filed under D.C. Circuit Rule 29(b). Amicus intends to file its brief no later than August 2, 2024, in accordance with D.C. Circuit Rule 29(c). In addition, pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 29(d), amicus has worked to consolidate its arguments into a single brief. Amicus has also coordinated with other amici to ensure that there is no overlap in the issues raised, to the greatest extent possible.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I hereby certify that on August 2, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by using the appellate CM/ECF system.

I certify that all participants in this case are registered CM/ECF users and that service will be accomplished by CM/ECF.

Dated: August 2, 2024

/s/ Thomas R. McCarthy

Thomas R. McCarthy

APPENDIX A: LIST OF AMICI CURIAE

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Former Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

The Hon. Jeff Sessions

Former Attorney General of the United States

Former United States Senator

The Hon. Chris Inglis

Former National Cyber Director, The White House

Former Deputy Director, National Security Agency

The Hon. Christopher A. Ford

Former Assistant Secretary of State for International Security & Non-proliferation, United States Department of State

Former Senior Director for Weapons of Mass Destruction & Counterproliferation, National Security Council, The White House

The Hon. Michelle Van Cleave

Former National Counterintelligence Executive, Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Former General Counsel and Assistant Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, The White House

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Former Director, National Counterintelligence and Security Center

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Former Director of Strategic Operational Planning, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Former Commander of the Office of Defense Representative in Pakistan & Commander of the Joint Task Force in Pakistan

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Former Division Chief, Central Intelligence Agency

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